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Stay home, stay safe and we will be there with you!

On the Cover: A view from a trail at New Bedford Waterworks in Rochester, one of the many public walking/hiking retreats still open amidst advice from authorities to maintain social distance due to the coronavirus pandemic. Owned by the City of New Bedford, the Waterworks is part of the protected Assawompset Pond Complex that protects public drinking water and offers a pleasant way to view nature and get some exercise. Photo by Shawn Sweet



Mattapoisett Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh and his team took advantage of brilliant spring days to complete some smaller wharf repair projects. These improvements, done with town staff, are part of a much larger plan to upgrade and repair the historic wharves over the next few years. Photo by Marilou Newell

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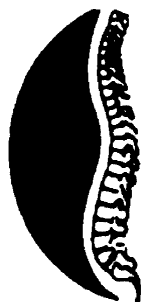
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Happy Trails to the Restless

By Mick Colageo

Tired of climbing the walls and waiting for an all-clear to the movies, restaurants and stores? No better time than the present to engage in a higher quality of life through what nature has right under our socially distanced noses.

Take a walk.

There are literally dozens of trails within a 20-minute drive in almost any direction away from or even along the shore.

The Wanderer's own Shawn Sweet, manager of the newspaper's Facebook page and author of "Tri-Town Trek," is an avid hiker and reports regularly on what's going on in our natural habitat.

Sweet, who sits on the Sippican Lands Trust Board and hikes anywhere from 10-15 miles with her husband primarily on weekends, advises proper clothing to avoid mosquito and tick bites, especially if hiking/walking vulnerable areas during vulnerable times of day.

"I will say, although this time of year lends to mud and bugs, it's also a great opportunity to explore," she said. "The Spring Peepers are out and they are singing loud this year. Skunk cabbage is beginning to sprout. The ospreys are returning.

"I even caught a glimpse of a river otter swimming along the river at the Church's Field property in Rochester... wish I had been quick enough with the camera."

In addition to East Over Reservation in Marion, Nasketucket Bay State Reservation in Mattapoissett and New Bedford Waterworks in Rochester, the three parks featured below, Sweet lists the following areas among her favorites: Aucoot Woods (White Eagle Parcel in Marion); Haskell Swamp Wildlife Area in Rochester; The Bogs in Mattapoissett; Brandt Island District in Mattapoissett; Osprey Marsh in Marion (a trail accessible to those with limited mobility and physical disabilities); and Great Hill on the Stone Estate in Marion.

From her many experiences, we picked three areas accordingly to accessibility inside each of the Tri-Town, Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester. The three selections

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are only the tip of a glorious iceberg and hopefully a portal through which the restless can find new pathways - no pun intended - to healthy living during precarious times.

East Over Reservation: Hales Brook and Sippican River Tracts

Located at 285 County Road in Marion, the East Over Reservation is a 322-acre network that is owned by the Town of Marion and managed by The Trustees. The land crosses the town line into Rochester, where there is also an entry point.

The Marion entry point, accessible via a parking area off of County Road, leads to the Hales Brook and Sippican River Tracts. These well-marked tracts that wind their way through forests and along the Sippican River include 2 1/2 miles of trails and boardwalks.

There are no facilities, but maps are posted on the trails. Not all East Over property has signage.

A journey embarks on a boardwalk over a wetlands area and eventually to a choice between two

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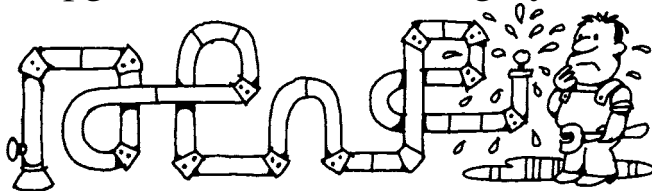
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right turns and a left.

A right turn leads into a network of trails that go through the forest and reconnect; these trails include a rock slab bridge and rocky remnants of glaciers.

A left turn leads to water views, first Hales Brook and then Sippican River. According to the Buzzards Bay Coalition website (savebuzzardsbay.org), The Trustees plan to extend this trail beyond the cranberry bogs into Rochester.

East Over Reservation is home to wildlife on the ground and in the air, as hikers have seen deer, fox, mink, muskrat, and waterfowl.

Visitors may bring their dogs and are asked to comply with local signage.

Nasketucket Bay State Reservation in Mattapoisett

Nasketucket Bay State Reservation in Mattapoisett is owned and managed by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and accessible off of 94 Brandt Island Road. Five miles and 200 acres of coastal forests draw eager walkers along its trails through woods, meadows and salt marshes and ultimately to the rocky shores of Nasketucket Bay.

According to alltrails.com, Nasketucket is an out-and-back trail appropriate for all skill levels and offering not only scenic views but beautiful wildflowers.

It takes approximately 90 minutes to trace the

Bridle, Salt Marsh and Holly trails. The Bridle Trail starts at the parking area, its grass circling through much of Nasketucket an inviting to bicycles and foot. Almost

a mile long, the Shaw Farm Trail is accessible to the right and heads north to the Phoenix Bike Trail. Shaw Farm Trail is narrower than Bridle and takes the traveler out to Nasketucket Bay, its rocky shoreline and beach. A large rock marks the entry point to Holly Trail and a ticket back to Bridle Trail and the beginning point.

Walkers can take their dogs and join with hikers or, depending on the season, horseback riders or cross-country skiers to spectacular views of Buzzards Bay and, to the west, West Island in Fairhaven.

Many will access by car, but one can bike to the park off of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail. The Buzzards Bay Coalition's new Shaw Farm Trail connects Nasketucket to the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven.

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On land, visitors ride bicycles and horses, or walk, ski or snowshoe, depending on the season, along the roads and wooded pathways. At the end of the trail, hikers enjoy a small beach and also fish.

Trails are accessible from a parking North Rochester Congregational Church, located at 247 North Avenue. Roadside parking is allowed at any fire road entrance gate (R1-18) that is not marked "no admittance." Please avoid block gates or fire lanes.

To access the R10 gate to enter the Waterworks, walk the trail from the back of the church parking lot alongside North Avenue. At the gate begins Tinkogkukquas Trail, a sandy path that weaves its way for .7 miles into the woods to Great Quittacas Pond via Atuk Trail to the right and Namas Way to the left.

Trails are marked at the entry point but not along the trails so a map is advised. Lakeville Town Clerk's Office offers a map of the Assawompset Pond Complex for only \$2.

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For more information on the many trails in the region, link to "Tri-Town Trek" at wanderer.com and on our Facebook page.

New Pastor Reaches Out via Facebook Live

By Mick Colageo

Colby Olson was on his way to Lakeville on June 4 to watch his son Troy play a tennis match for Monomoy Regional High School against Apponequet in the MIAA Division 3 South team tournament when he detoured off

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of the highway and found himself driving on Route 105 through Rochester center.

Olson spotted a white church building off the road and felt compelled to ask God to strengthen its people whom he had never met.

"Then I drove on, and then my phone took me a completely different way and I went home," he recalled.

Little did Olson know several months later, he would become the new pastor at First Congregational Church.



The email came last year while he was pastoring at South Chatham Community Church, a non-denominational Protestant Christian church he had been serving since 2011.

"It was revitalization work. I felt that it was in a real healthy place," said Olson.

A devout, 45-year-old family man whose kids play sports and at times have been coached in baseball and /or soccer by their father, Olson built his ministry up and down the eastern seaboard by revitalizing and starting churches. When he was asked to interview for the job by First Congregational's search committee, Olson

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requested to interview in person. Upon driving to the church, he realized it was the very one he had recently prayed for.

The lengthy selection process culminated with a "candidating" weekend in which the congregation asked for 90 minutes to grill him with questions, personal and theological. His wife Joyce participated, he preached a sermon, and finally on January 4, he was voted in.

South Chatham wanted Olson to stay longer and First Congregational "wanted me to not rush," he recalled. Olson's uncommonly smooth transition was made even smoother when his colleague, Adam Miller, took over the pastoral role at South Chatham.

Olson's career roadmap reads like that of a minor-

league baseball coach.

Before spending the last eight-plus years in South Chatham, he was in downtown Providence (where his car was totaled). Before that, he ministered to two churches in Gainesville, Florida, one of which he started, resulting in a documentary that led to outside interest in his services. In New York, he revitalized an existing ministry and, before that, had worked in Kentucky and Georgia.

A native of nearby Halifax, Olson graduated from Silver Lake Regional High School and split his undergraduate studies between Becker College in Worcester and Asbury University, a Christian college in Kentucky where he studied applied communications. He did graduate study in Nyack, New York, at Alliance Theological Seminary, an evangelical institution affiliated with Nyack College and the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In 2003, he was ordained and commissioned under that banner.

Freshly out of school, he participated in missions in El Salvador and Mexico, helping construct buildings for ministry and to clothe and feed the poor.

Now Olson brings his own path of history to a church steeped in it.

First Congregational is an independent church affiliated with the 65-year-old National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) and, locally, the MACCC.

Congregational churches overall date back to the 17th century, and a drive through any of New England's rural areas discovers these churches and their white steeples against the scenic melding of fog and foliage. But each church has its own story, and Olson says he and First Congregational "hit it off" in their first introduction.

Olson is aligned with the church's conservative brand of orthodox Protestant Christian doctrine that is focused on daily reading of the Bible and his belief in personal salvation and transformation through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Though his specialty is revitalization, Olson believes his work at First Congregational will stand on the shoulders of those who came beforehand.

"I think the church is at a great place," he said.

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Olson is eager to set that vision in motion.

What COVID-19 aka coronavirus hasn't allowed him to do in person he is doing with his computer and his telephone. Olson was supposed to deliver his first sermon on March 15, but wound up streaming his message via Facebook Live. He wasn't looking for laughs when he said in his sermon, "If you have extra toilet paper, knock on a neighbor's door and ask them if they need toilet paper," but he is a person who seems to embrace a good laugh on himself.

"I'm no better than anybody else. God's working in my life," he said.

Olson's immediate goals are to get his parishioners to know each other better and to enable them to share their testimony of what God has done in their lives.

"We want to reach as many people as possible with the gospel and love on as many as we can," he said.

Estimating over 100 attendees on the average Sunday, he said, "We're not a megachurch," but the Olsons are loving on one more these past few weeks after welcoming Tate, a newborn boy, into the family.

"It was amazing. I pulled his head out and caught him. A midwife allowed me to do that. It was the most moving, powerful and spiritual (moment) of my life,"

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said Olson, making sure to include the birth of his other children, 20-year-old Cecilia, 18-year-old Kelsey, and 16-year-old Troy.

Joyce Olson is a licensed clinical social worker. After growing up on a farm in Mount Blanchard, Ohio, she attended The Ohio State University and Boston College. Now she has her own practice, Metamorphosis Counseling Services, in Dennis, specializing in trauma work and also offering Nouthetic-style (Christian-based) counseling.

First Congregational's website (rochestercongregational.com) has been updated with a more visitor-friendly look, and the church is hoping to get Olson's sermons onto ORCTV.

Until then, he can be seen on Facebook Live at 10:00 am on Sundays.

Aisles Need More Smiles

This Surreal Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

Word spread quickly on social media that grocery stores would be open at specific times for senior citizens to do their shopping. I thought, "This is great." Then I saw the hours that "special shopping" was being offered to seniors – butt-crack dawn.

Why is it that so many believe senior citizens are up enjoying life at the crack of dawn? No doubt there are many people whose daily habits include rising from the warmth and comfort of their beds at dawn. But these people aren't all over the age of 65. In fact, I'd speculate that most of them are young people on their way to work or school, when those venues were fully functioning.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining so much as pointing out a fact – old people don't necessarily like being awake at dawn much less going grocery shopping in the dark. Heck, my 80-something-year-old neighbor prides herself on staying up late and sleeping in, bless her bohemian soul. But I thought it was my duty to take advantage of the opportunity to be six-feet from my peers searching the shelves for an off-brand can of beans. Truth be told, I was mining the experience for this column.

It was depressing. People didn't look very pleased to be up and about. The public-address system in the store wasn't playing music. The lighting was too bright, casting deep shadows across the elder faces. I thought, "Don't they know that pink tones favor older skin?" I was wishing I had taken the time to fix myself up with a layer of make-up. On second thought, it simply doesn't matter. No one was looking at me anyway, not even my husband.

Mornings can be a difficult time of the day for seniors suffering from mobility issues. Heck, I'm usually not fully functional until 10:00 am. Yet there I was pushing a grocery carriage along, keeping my distance as I tried to put my best foot forward, literally, and hunt down what I could for the pantry at home.

People seemed scared. Was I the only one making

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eye contact and smiling? Pleasantries weren't being exchanged. These people were on a mission, some looking rather desperate as they collected products and dropped them noisily into the baskets.

I'll pause here to say the employees of the store were great. At that time of the day, the staff were filling shelves as fast as they could. Aisles were cluttered with pallets of non-perishable items. There was plenty to select from but, for many of the shoppers I watched, these were not the items they were seeking. Disappoint was on full view.

As the clock ticked away the moments allocated to the aged, it was clear that a silly, fun, lighthearted story was slipping away from me. It began to feel more surreal

and sad by the moment. What was I doing out there? After all my husband, the Great Gatherer historically, is the grocery shopper in our little family. He's the one who literally brings home the bacon. I occasionally join him in what I call "recreational food shopping," but this early-morning experience had been far from recreational. It was a sociology class.



What happens to us when our world is tipped away from all we considered to be normal? It didn't seem to be bringing out the best in us at that moment. Fight or flight was in the air. Or, was it just me seeing things through brown-colored glasses. Give me the rose color any day.

At 7:30 am the doors were opened to all-comers. The younger crowd poured in through the opened doors, each and every one of them focused on the task at hand. I smiled at them. No one smiled back. I wanted to cry. Maybe they thought I was just a senile old lady. That's how I probably looked.

I've only been back to the large-chain grocery store once in the last three weeks. I've always supported small, local retail outlets and now plan on doing so exclusively whenever possible. I'll try the curbside service many are offering, while remaining mindful that germs may cling to any surface. It's important to wipe down everything that comes into your home, then wash your hands after handling materials from the outside world. No, I'm not being paranoid by the way.

If I'm up at dawn again any time soon, I hope it's because I write best during the earliest part of the day, not because I need to buy milk. But if you are shopping at dawn, as you go up and down the aisles, I hope you remember to look up, make eye contact, and smile at your fellow shopper. You never know whose life might be



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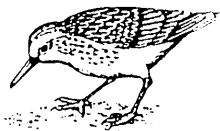
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ruffed ring of dark feathers that rise up around its neck, lifted up by the air thrust of furtive wing beat drumming, as illustrated. It is a seasonal symphony to attract a receptive partner for reproduction, to be heard for up to a half a mile, once it is identified. It starts out slowly quiet at first, and then speeds up like the sound of starting a two-cycle engine. The drummer often mounts straight up on a low podium of a resonant hollow log, with its decorative tail proudly splayed out for effect. Then it cups its wings forward to trap the tattoo against its breast for loudest audible detonation.

The Ruffed Grouse is classified in the Phasianidae family of birds, like the cock Pheasant at the edge of a farmland hedgerow to romantically beat wings and crow like a barnyard rooster at dawn, to attract a hen for reproduction. A distant western cousin is the greater Sage Grouse. Its mating display is to strut and rapidly inflate and deflate sacs in its breast, producing loud bubbling sounds, while displaying its tail, and raising ruff on its breast. It is the same historic ritual ceremony as written by Chaucer about his Chanticleer mythical rooster in his classic work *The Canterbury Tales*.

The Ruffed Grouse as a ground-nesting bird is also very much an earth-bound species hatching out of an egg completely camouflaged in color and design for its new habitat. It is also capable of morphing its plumage to match the shades on northern grey conifers, or tones of southern rust brick-colored feathers. It spends most of its life within a *short* distance of its original birth and annually survives by timely adjusting to seasonal variations and requirements. Each performance for the circle-of-life ending winter is also justification for the spring renewal ritual here.

When Your Spotter Favors Social Distancing

Schwitz'n with Norm

By Norm Meltzer

We're living in very strange times in which our daily lives have been upended. Most of us want to be safe and compliant without surrendering every last one of our normal and familiar daily rituals.

For so many of us exercise is an important part of our lives, and the thought of sacrificing a healthy avocation for health reasons is counterintuitive.

As health officials preach distance between people and avoiding crowds, where does this leave working out at the local gym (if and when they reopen for business)?

Exercise may boost your immune system, but the widespread transmission of a virus isn't a very useful contribution to fitness. Reducing the risk of transmission is good, but skipping a workout to stay home hoarding toilet paper while bingeing on canned aerosol cheese hardly seems like a good tradeoff. The "Catch 22s" are afoot.

I've actually never been a fan of group exercise



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classes.

A great concept, and thousands of people have benefited from them, but they do have their fair share of shortcomings.

The student-teacher ratio is problematic and doesn't foster the best environment to learn or be supervised. It's very difficult for a single person to demonstrate, watch and make corrections on different yet simultaneous biomechanical problems.

There are usually too many divergent backgrounds and varying skill levels within the same group. Gyms may offer beginner and advanced classes, but labeling classes by ability doesn't adequately match compatible students.

Instructors tend to throw in the old failsafe countermeasure of advising everyone to "Go at your own pace," but when's the last time you've known a person to use common sense? Peer pressure didn't get to be so popular because of humanity's discretion.

At the other end of the spectrum, there are many remote, online exercise options these days.

As a strength coach, I've dabbled minimally in virtual training. It's a great way to help people in different geographical locations, but I personally feel that it's a poor substitute for being in the same room with hands-on instruction.

In the interest of full disclosure, I feel compelled to share an embarrassing little mishap. I'm one of the

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few people who has managed to incur an injury during a stationary-bike workout. I was regrettably on one of those seldom-advertised Peloton bikes. The ride itself was fine, but the unfortunate episode occurred when disembarking. The hard-molded plastic convexity on the bottom of the specialized shoes did not quite jibe with the hardwood floor that I stepped onto. My bruised buttock and ego soured me on the whole concept of high-tech, Jetsons-style telecommunication exercise, though the piece of equipment itself was very well engineered.

One of the most wonderful aspects of exercise is its versatility. You can exercise with equipment or without, you can work out in a specialized facility or in your own house, inside or outside, with a workout partner, by yourself, or in a group, and the list goes on. You can burn calories on a gym's elliptical or walking in the park. You can work your pecs benching in a weight room or doing push-ups on the beach.

Gyms will be up and running again before this COVID-19 problem is fully resolved. The order of the day is social distancing, and we should all exercise judgment when exercising our glutes and quads.

Nobody wants to share a kettlebell with a sickly looking, drooling gym rat these days, or any other for that matter. Reducing risk is not an all-or-nothing proposition. Small groups are better than large groups; open space is better than close quarters; you can exercise with someone else without sharing equipment; and you can aggressively and relentlessly disinfect when you do share equipment.

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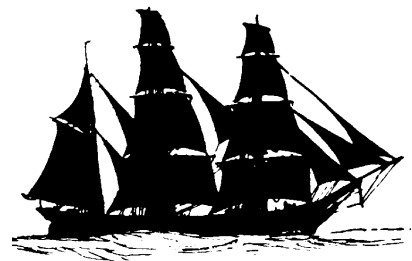
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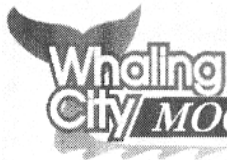
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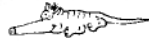
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There are countless ways to strength train, improve flexibility and burn calories:

- * lifting weights, body-weight calisthenic exercises, bands, climb a tree, chop wood
- * yoga, static stretching, twister, movement itself
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mean changing things up for a little bit, but it does not mean going without or sacrificing exercise value.

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Atlantis Drive Property Bid Approved

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

The March 24 emergency meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen served to update the March 19 meeting with new developments and information. It was the second straight Marion Board of Selectmen meeting held via live video-conferencing using the Go to Meeting web program.

A key development on Tuesday, March 24, was the board's approval of the sale of the town's Atlantis Drive property to Marion Antiques, subject to successful negotiations.

Town Administrator Jay McGrail credited Alan Minard with the in-depth work it took to put together the request for proposal (RFP) and preparation for the Board of Selectmen to consider.

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The evaluation team made of the Board of Selectmen, McGrail and Minard determined that Marion Antiques met the minimum requirements of the RFP. Although there were a couple of "advantageous" responses to the question of the town's rating of such a deal, the majority according to McGrail felt that all requirements were met by the "highly advantageous" evaluation.

"Our game plan is to move this forward pretty quickly," said McGrail, suggesting a goal for before the end of the fiscal year (early June).

Selectman John Waterman said the town now needs to establish a timeline for a new Department of Public Works facility, one that cannot be directly tied into the proceeds of the Atlantis Drive property sale - he said

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that money goes to the town's "free cash" account - but Marion ought to have a goal that by the fall town meeting it will have a price tag for a new DPW to take to the town for approval.

The first step in that process, said Waterman and McGrail, is to seek approval at spring town meeting for the \$150,000 in funding to move the project forward.

On March 19, the town declared a shutdown of all municipal buildings through March 30. On March 24, McGrail recommended an extension of that timeline to April 7 in keeping with the order signed on March 23 by Governor Baker.

Waterman recommended the matter remain subject to review so Marion can reserve the right to alter its plan. The motion passed.

The town hall staffing plan remains for non-essential employees to stay at home. Some functions of government are critical so McGrail is asking staff to continue checking emails and voicemails on an hourly basis. "Some staff are coming into town hall to keep the critical functions of government moving," he said.

Having noticed a person knocking on the door to the Town House, Waterman suggested notes be taped on the door. McGrail said there are two notices already outside the door, one addressing the closure with the town's email address and the other for delivery companies with McGrail's cell phone.

The outside mailbox is being emptied hourly, and McGrail reported an email blast on March 23 letting residents know how they could access information. The town has waived fees associated with tax bills until April 10.

A bill has passed, although the governor had not signed it at press time, giving towns the authority to postpone town meeting and local elections.

"We're behind the eight ball already," said McGrail. "We're not in a position to do anything (March 24), but we're looking at pushing the town meeting and election out by 30 days if this continues."

McGrail's main concern in advance of town meeting is Articles 2, 3 and 4 that deal with the town budget and two enterprise funds.

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The matter of public hearings remains unresolved, but according to McGrail they can be held anytime up until town meeting including the day of. He and Selectman Norm Hills were working together on bylaw-related changes, and McGrail said the town will make a decision on town meeting by April 7.

Selectman Chairperson Randy Parker said, "We have to make a decision on how we're going to run the town if we're not going to have a town meeting," citing the new situation yet to be defined.



Waterman suggested that, although normal meetings may be back in early June, the town needs some mechanism whereby residents of age 70 with preexisting health conditions making them more vulnerable to coronavirus can meet remotely.

"It's not going to be a flip a switch and we go back to normal," said Waterman, suggesting that Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings could be held in a place like Sippican School auditorium, where attendees can be physically spaced out those vulnerable or sick could attend remotely.

Parker suggested a scenario in which limitations on the town could circumvent legal limits on room capacity by holding town meeting on one room at Sippican School and divide attendees up among the classrooms with live video screens. Those making public comment could walk to the main room of the meeting to do so, then return to their classroom.

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"We have to think about a scenario," he said, "to keep the town moving forward."

McGrail reported having participated on March 24 in the first of weekly conference calls with Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and several key state departments and organizations.

A significant takeaway for McGrail was public hearings and deadlines with applications filed prior to the March 10 declaration of a state of emergency, all related statutory deadlines have been paused until the state of emergency is lifted. Then there will be a 45-day reprieve.

The Foodbank at the Community Center continues to thrive. McGrail reported 80 cars on March 24. The method was altered so that food bags for families of

four and two were lined up on a table and the people got out of their cars and picked it up off of a table.

Marion is still seeking donations, but has been able to bring back 4,000 pounds of food per week from outside sources.

"I can't speak to whether it's people who have financial issues... it may be people who are scared to go to the supermarket. I've heard from some people that are not financially challenged but are nervous," said McGrail.

Foodbank hours are from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with delivery on off-days. Food donations can be delivered to the Police Station, Fire Station No. 1 and the Community Center. For more information, call 508-748-3570.

Waterman suggested a preliminary phone call with the Wastewater Management team for to establish a backup plan should staff become ill and licensing requirements. Hills reported a successful scenario when he worked for the town of Sandwich.

On March 19, the Board of Selectmen held its first online-only meeting, at which McGrail reported having met for 60-90 minutes daily with Hills, Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney and Town Counsel Jon Witten, as the town navigates its way through the constantly changing COVID-19-related challenges.

The meeting yielded news of a policy authored by McGrail and Town Counsel Jon Whitten and approved by the Board of Selectman and to be continued "until such time as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen" that states any current paid or volunteer member of Marion's Police, Fire, Health or Building departments who contracts COVID-19 virus due to exposure while working for the town and is ordered by a licensed physician to quarantine her or himself will be entitled to a paid leave without accrual for the period of time of said quarantine as ordered by a licensed physician.

Before the motion passed, Waterman asked how the policy applies to on-call firemen, suggested the policy be subject to review in 90 days, and also asked how the town can verify the facts of any such case.

McGrail said an average of an on-call fireman's pay over six months would form the basis of the coverage.



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He also noted that Marion has quarantine insurance for first responders.

To ensure review, Parker suggested that discussion of the new policy be put on the Board of Selectman agenda every 90 days.

"I think it should be subject to review over 90 days because this virus is going to be around for years," said Waterman.

The daily and sometimes hourly reevaluation that has become the new normal of town government reached a new level with the closure of Marion facilities on March 20.

The status of the Town House was discussed, and Waterman said, should the town be able to resume something closer to normal operations after the 15-day schedule of rotating essential employees, it will be important to get up and running, albeit while maintaining social distancing practices.

"Some towns have all their employees coming in... we're trying to practice what we preach," said McGrail, alluding to the concept of rotating staff so that people alternate based on managing certain tasks, be it the Building Department, clerks, Zoning, payroll. "The demand for a lot of things is going to slow down."

It was agreed that McGrail will reach out to Marion's three regulatory boards and see if there is a compelling case to work with their chairpersons to set them up to live-stream public meetings. Public hearings



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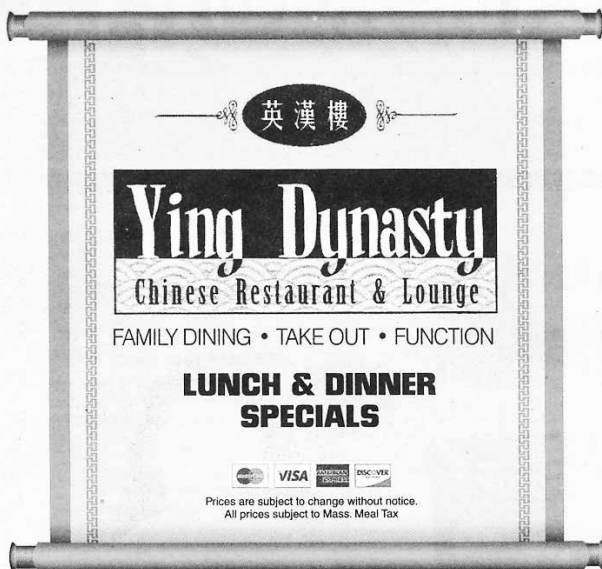
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are considered too complicated at the present time.

"We need public participation in the hearings, otherwise it doesn't make a lot of sense," said Parker. "It doesn't make sense to hold two meetings if you're not going to go anywhere with the first one."

Waterman alluded to the memo from Governor Baker, who wants a chairman and administrative assistant present for public meetings and rest participating via remote access including citizens calling in.

McGrail said it was "doable" on the town's end and a matter of ORCTV's capability to televise live.

Parker cautioned that there be some clearinghouse to establish real citizens versus party crashers. "It's going to take a little more work, but it

would work," he said, asking McGrail to check with town counsel to see if public participation by phone is legal.

The Town of Marion deferred to Governor Baker's declaration of a state of emergency and did not call its own, in contrast to Mattapoissett's and Rochester's respective decisions this week.

McGrail drafted such a declaration for Marion, but said town counsel had advised him that there is no material advantage so the selectmen did not move to call a state of emergency for the town.

State of Emergency Declared in Mattapoissett

March 19, 2020

Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

Using remote-access platforms to conduct the town's public business, the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen declared a state of emergency in Mattapoissett on March 19, 2020. Selectmen Jordan Collyer and chairman Paul Silva voted unanimously to accept the following that, upon their acceptance, would be sent on to the State House for approval.

The declaration comes on the heels of Governor Baker declaring a state of emergency in Massachusetts and gives municipalities certain rights that will help financially and materially support cities and towns until the emergency period is over. It would allow communities to apply for county, state, and federal assistance

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It reads in part: "Whereas the outbreak of COVID-19 and the risk to person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affects the safety of the public; and... on March 10, 2020, Governor Baker announced emergency actions to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, including prohibitions on public gatherings, prohibiting on-premises consumption of food and drink at bars and restaurants, as well as suspension of elementary and secondary school...from March 17, 2020, to April 6, 2020; the Board of Selectmen has determined that COVID-19 presents a major disaster which poses an immediate threat to public health, safety, and general welfare of people residing both within and outside the town...the Selectmen have determined that immediate public action is needed in order to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by and among the people of Mattapoisett; declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of COVID-19 including but not limited to emergency expenditures...and the limitations on operating hours and access to public buildings – a state of emergency be declared."

The town's new administrator, Mike Lorenzo, drafted the declaration and read it for the selectmen who both called into the meeting.

More than a week ago Governor Baker modified open-meeting rules during this emergency, granting cities and towns the flexibility of conducting business without being physically located in the same public space.

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Also present assisting with technical navigation through the meeting was former Town Administrator Mike Gagne, who plans to stay on to help Lorenzo during the transition process including finalization of the FY21 budget and the fall town meeting.

**Mattapoisett Selectmen Meet via
 Teleconferencing**

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

Not only are Mattapoisett's Board of Selectmen facing the challenges of being a two-person board, the added necessity of social distancing came into play on March 19.

That morning Selectmen Paul Silva and Jordan Collyer, along with Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo, consultant Mike Gagne and members of the media dialed in to hear that the town was officially declaring a state of emergency.

Lorenzo read the declaration that would give

the town access to county, state and federal funds for first-responder supplies and other necessary materials, as well as circumventing long-held purchasing rules and regulations in an effort to expedite buying if needed.

After the declaration was read, the selectmen approved it for submission to the state.

Later that same day on a much happier note, the selectmen again met utilizing teleconferencing to discuss the \$735,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The grant was approved by town meeting vote both in October 2019 and again in January 2020.

The October vote, however, tied the grant to other types of grants in a bundle slated to be used for roadway and infrastructure improvements to Industrial Drive. While the USDCEDA grant was received by the town, the manner in which it was tied to receiving other grants could place in jeopardy the entire \$735,000 sum should only some of the grants fail to materialize.

Just days before the deadline set for accepting the USDCEDA grant would expire, a Special Town Meeting held in January 2020 found town meeting in favor of separating this grant from those that were not received. The modification to the warrant article from the October town meeting was overwhelmingly moved by a packed town meeting in favor of accepting the monies.

The selectmen on March 19 voted to have the town administrator sign documents accepting the grant. The grant, along with a matching \$735,000 also approved at town meeting, now means that design, planning and preliminary construction may begin on Industrial Drive.

At press time, the next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen had not been scheduled. Visit www.mattapoisett.net to view the up-to-date meeting schedule. You may also view a full presentation on the Industrial Drive project on the town's website.

**Mattapoisett's Industrial Drive Project
 Explained**

By Marilou Newell

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let's talk roadway improvement that is slated to bring economic development to Mattapoisett. That's what was discussed and taped on March 18 when Highway Superintendent Barry Denham, Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo, and former Town Administrator Mike Gagne gave their presentation at Town Hall, albeit to an empty room.

Due to the necessity of closing Town Hall to the public, the team involved in spearheading improvements to Industrial Drive were videotaped in the Town Hall conference room. The presentation was another opportunity for Gagne to discuss a project he had been at the helm of for nearly two years. He once again took the spotlight to share with the townspeople the good news that the project would be moving forward and how it will progress.

First and foremost, Gagne discussed why the project was necessary. He discussed drainage issues along Industrial Drive that impact downstream water quality. Regarding the economic opportunity the project will bring, Gagne explained that land currently segregated for septic systems could now be developed as usable space. The public sewer-system extension from the Bay Club subdivision would allow property owners to tie into the system, freeing up additional areas for business development and building expansions, he said.

Returning to the issue of the roadway itself, Gagne and Denham discussed modest redesigns to the

Industrial Drive layout that will make it safer for vehicles and pedestrians while also protecting some of the wetland features along the way.

Gagne said that the \$735,000 grant received from the U.S. Economic Administration will be matched by the town as agreed during the October town meeting and January special town meeting, bringing the total currently available for the project to \$1.470-million.

Denham and Gagne also discussed the shared-use path commonly known as the bike path. They said that preliminary plans are underway for Phase 2a of the bike path that would transverse Route 6 from Depot Street and end at North Street near the park-and-ride parking lot. They briefly shared conceptual designs for crossing North

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Planned upgrades to Industrial Drive will not fund the shared-use path, Gagne said, but was quick to add that additional grants are being sought for that work. The design upgrades to the roadway, however, will make space for a dedicated pedestrian lane in the future, he said.

Denham said he had originally become involved with the project as he worked with teams developing plans for the bike path. "I got involved because the bike path is going to add a lot to the town. Grant money will allow safe crossings and modern drainage, which is an important part of the project... it's a coordinated effort to build the road once and build it to last."

Lorenco stated that he believed the project was an important part of the town's economic growth, while providing new and additional recreation areas, that, "... improves life for all."

Although the presentation was not aired to a direct public, the team said comments and questions are encouraged. Visit the town's website (www.mattapoisettnet.net) or call 508-758-4100 extension 4 to provide your input. Work is planned to commence on Industrial Drive this spring.



Placing second at the recent Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts Titan Business Challenge was Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School (Team 3) of Rochester. Pictured from left: Jeffrey Pelletier, president of Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts; Nicole Nault, events and development manager, Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts; school coordinator Ashleigh Mota-Medeiros; students Kyle Wright, Jacob Andrews, and Eric Hackett; school coordinator Marsha Metivier; and Michael Patacao, president, Board of Directors, Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts and vice president of Commercial Lending at Bristol County Savings Bank.

Mattapoissett's New Fire Station Planning Continues

By Marilou Newell

On March 19 there was some good news coming out of at least one committee in Mattapoissett – the Fire Station Building Committee.

Chaired by Mike Hickey, the committee was the first volunteer group to attempt virtual meetings via telephone conferencing. It went smoothly once everyone calling in found the mute button. Once the ambient noise was canceled, the committee met to discuss subcontract bids associated with the \$9.275 million new fire station planned for County Road next to the police station.

For municipal projects, Massachusetts allows 13 subcontract trades such as electrical, HVAC, plumbing and painting to submit their own bids for their respective areas rather than require their containment in the general contracting bid. Hickey said that the process could mean that a general contractor might select the lowest subcontracting bids for a given trade or that the subcontractor might elect to not work with a contractor. "Only in Massachusetts," Hickey demurred.

Helping to navigate these issues and others is the firm Vertex, a construction management company. Also on the call were architects Jeff Shaw and Chris Logan of Context. Mattapoissett's committee was represented by Hickey, Fire Chief Andrew Murray, Director of Inspectional Services Andy Bobola, Selectman

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Jordan Collyer, Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo, and consultant Mike Gagne.

The group noted that subcontract bidding was coming in under budget by approximately \$200,000. Hickey said if that sum held, it could be moved to contingency funding. There was further discussion regarding which subcontractors would work best not only with the selected general contractor but also which subcontractor would give the town its best effort. Those companies would be studied, Hickey said.

The next step, according to Hickey, would be to "drill down" through the documents received by the subcontractors. He said that in two weeks they would have the general contracting bids for review and consideration.

Directly impacted by the construction of a new fire station on property adjacent to the police station is the electrical service to that building. Hickey said that work would proceed on that project prior to commencement of the fire station groundbreaking. Gagne confirmed that the town administrator had the authority to authorize that work now.

The committee also discussed Route 6 traffic lights and traffic controls. Gagne said that since the group last met the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) had requested additional studies and existing condition layouts for the state highway. He cautioned everyone that given the uncertainty created by COVID-19, transportation bond bills could be negatively impacted due to a slump in earnings. But Hickey said planning would continue. MassDOT's request would be addressed with Hickey saying, "We'll just have to ride this out." The state agency also requested additional details on proposed curb-cuts that G.A.F. Engineering would respond to, Hickey said.

Concerns over the type of materials to be used for the fire station aprons were also discussed. Murray reminded the teams that during the value engineering process the aprons were not included due to the importance of durability. Murray pointed out that fire apparatus was extremely heavy, thus the aprons needed to have specific mechanical properties and sub-surface structures. Hickey assured Murray that would be the case.

Hickey said in a follow-up that they hope to have shovels in the ground by May. The next meeting of the Fire Station Building Committee was not scheduled but is expected to be held in the next two weeks.

April 7 Considered a Tough Target

ORR/Union No. 55 Joint School Committee

By Mick Colageo

Officially at least, the Old Rochester Regional School District is aiming at a return to school on the state-prescribed April 7 date.

Optimism, however, is sparse, and most of the concerns expressed to Superintendent of Schools Doug White during Monday night's online-only meeting of the Old Rochester / Union No. 55 Joint School Committee were aimed at developing a plan for a potentially longer hiatus.

The meeting, originally expected to include the formality of officially hiring Mike Nelson as White's successor effective July 1, instead yielded other news including the fact that the 2019-20 school year will end no later than its 185th day for any school in the district. For ORR, that would be June 24.

After snow days, ORR will not have to make up any other days missed due to COVID-19 aka coronavirus.

The first four days since the March 13 decision to shut down schools (March 16-19) were categorized as snow days. "Those days are behind us," said White, now working on setting up scenarios for the completion of the academic calendar and thanking school committee members for their support.

Union-side committee chairperson Shannon Finning told the meeting that a "stomach bug" had taken her out of commission for two days – she said she does not have the coronavirus – and her inability to edit was the reason for the delay in announcing the expected contract for Nelson.

Finning is part of the three-person negotiating team with region-side chairperson Cary Humphrey and committee member Michelle Smith. The next scheduled meeting of the Joint School Committee is June 11 so another meeting prior to June 11 will be set up to ensure a timely transition of the superintendent's office.

Nelson, the assistant superintendent through June 30, attended the meeting and commented on policy (more on that below).

Most discussion surrounded concern about what happens next should ORR, in keeping with the vast



majority of feedback sources, not return to school by April 7.

The interim period has not included traditional classwork. Instead, teachers are sharing online tools for students to practice what they've learned. Participation is voluntary, and at present, there are no hard numbers available on levels of participation for different age groups.

Staff has been asked to check email three times daily by mid-afternoon, check voicemail, be available to meet online via Zoom or Google Hangout. The staff has also been asked to reach out to students' parents or guardians at least twice per week.

Several members of the Joint School Committee voiced agreement that ORR will need a long-range plan if, as expected, the suspension of school outlasts April 7.

Some cited the importance of "learning equity" and the maintaining of "that contract" with students, providing a platform for consistency across the board and keeping students "in learning mode." Points raised included: Without a requirement, participation will fall off, and other schools are reportedly taking such steps.

Heretofore, the expectations of students have been similar to summer assignments, but that will likely change without a return to the classroom on April 7.

"I am all ears," said White, hearing suggestions from the committee.

Finning said that Comcast is offering two months of free internet essentials for low-income families with a two-hour waiting time for activation. Committee member Robin Rounseville told of a case in which that service was denied because the student was not registered for free or reduced lunch. Humphrey asked that the family's identity be sought so the situation can be resolved.

"I'm hoping and praying that we will be back in school in two weeks, but... this might be a nice drill to expose the areas we might work on," said committee member Joe Pires, alluding to future scenarios of the suspension of school.

Committee member Sharon Hartley agreed, noting her concern over the newness of the situation. "I hope we'll have some plans for professional development as soon as possible. It's hard, if you haven't ever done these things before. It's asking a lot," she said.

White reported from recent talks that the shutdown could be greater than three weeks and that educators statewide are strategizing on online learning opportunities and preparing a program. "If this environment is not going to be better in the next couple of weeks, we're taking those steps and working on that," he said.

Hartley noted that some of the schools that are practicing online learning and having virtual classrooms have, in the process, cracked the code on solving snow days in the future and given school districts a new way to formulate academic calendars.

The meeting also revealed behind-the-scenes



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efforts that continue to address the education-related needs in the community.

In his report to the Joint School Committee, White cited the daily work of ORR cafeteria staff preparing 500 lunches last week and 135 more on March 23, the day of the meeting, for needy students.

He also cited technological efforts that would put Google Chrome into 100 students' hands by noon March 24, the custodians who work every day to clean out the buildings "deeper and deeper... we believe our buildings will be in a great position to address (students' return)."

White noted that all of the meetings of the administrative staff were being held live online via Zoom software.

Nelson addressed ORR District policies in the Joint School Committee meeting, the need being to make sure they align to new legislation. The policies related to children in military families, those under foster care, the homeless, and school committee minutes. Nelson reported having reviewed the information and attended state trainings, telling the meeting that ORR's policies all align and are all things that "we're doing already" in those scenarios.

The policy relating to homeless students deals with rights and services, the main difference being that students remain in their school of origin with an outline of transportation and additional support for which the district is responsible from fiscal and program standpoints.

"I have no concerns in supporting the policies as represented," said Nelson.

White recommended that the Joint School Committee can vote to approve the "homeless" policy and bring back the other two policies for discussion.

The policies relating to homeless students and school committee minutes were approved by both the region and union sides.

Committee member Stefan Gabriel asked, regarding the policies that will be addressed at the Joint School Committee's next meeting, if anyone will fall through the cracks. Nelson answered, "No, we're already doing these things."

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Nelson also reported on current efforts toward social-emotional behavioral support of students in need based on the changing environment, including the creation of a hotline. Nelson said, as information comes in, he will identify the appropriate clinical staff members to reach out, offering "support to kids who might not be on our radar when they are in the building" and continue to work with them on an ongoing basis.

White said that homeschooling and special education were being discussed at a statewide level and seeking guidance from the federal level. There is a leaning toward pass/fail, and relaxed requirements will mean two places where MCAS is going to have to get relief.

The 2020-21 academic calendar was approved on both sides of the Joint School Committee.

While typically on the agenda at this time of year, the subject arrived like a door-to-door salesman in the middle of a family crisis. Nonetheless, the membership decided it prudent not to ignore it amidst the bigger fish currently frying.

The result was approval on both sides of the committee for a slightly altered schedule that acknowledges the September 1 presidential primary and election day November 3.

Typically, the first day of school, September 1 will be the first day for teachers with students reporting for classes on September 2. White noted that there was pushback against consideration for starting two weeks before Labor Day (Sept. 7).

Another suggestion changes the Friday, October 9 (the Friday before Columbus Day) from an off day to a school day to make November 3 (election day) into an off day for students that could be used as one of the two full professional development days for faculty. The other full professional development day is January 16, 2021 (the Friday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day, as it has been). There are four half-days for professional development.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held October 22-23 and in Mattapoisett on October 18-19. A two-week break for Christmas includes a half day on December 23 and a return to school on January 4.

There has been some discussion about pushing away from April vacation toward a March vacation, but White said that is a bigger discussion for another day.

"I'm just worried about getting through this week's calendar," he said.

It was suggested in the committee meeting that the academic calendar should be posted with a disclaimer.

Minutes were approved with minor corrections for January 29, February 29 and March 5 meetings.

ORR Alumnus Dayne Johnson Ready for First Head-Coaching Job

Sports

By Nick Friar

Whether it was as a player on the 1993 Super

Bowl team, as a coach at the turn of the century and again under Justin Kogler, then Bryce Guilbeault, or during his time between stints on Old Rochester Regional High School's football staff, Dayne Johnson has been impacting the Bulldogs for years. All of that is about to change, even with his three children attending ORR and his wife Marissa serving as the ORR Youth Football president for over a decade.

Johnson is the new head coach at Upper Cape Tech.

"It's such a great community, and I get ready every fall to do this so there is a little bit of bitter-sweetness walking away," Johnson said. "But also, I am more than excited for the challenge of finally getting the opportunity to have my own program and be a head coach. That's something that's outweighing the negatives at this point."

While this is Johnson's first chance to run a high school program, it is not the first time he has thrown his name in the mix for the top job. He always had his eyes on his alma mater, but was never given the keys to drive the car.

With Guilbeault taking charge for the Bulldogs upon Kogler's departure, Johnson saw the program was going to be set at the coaching position for the foreseeable future. He couldn't pass up on the chance to coach at a school that still pulls students from one of the Tri-Town areas (Marion).

"(ORR) seemed like a perfect fit," admitted Johnson. "(I) played there, ran the youth program, kind of just graduated into that role. But it just never came to fruition. So I wanted to, over the last 10 years or so, become a head coach. This last time that I didn't get it, last year, it just seemed like — Bryce is a good coach, a good guy and he's going to be there a while. That broadened my search a little bit. I certainly didn't want to go too far from home.

"And Upper Cape is growing, expanding. They've got new facilities over there. I feel like they're getting athletes from multiple towns so someone could really, with the right direction, if they get the kids to buy in, it has certainly become a formidable program there."

Along with his persistence, Johnson is in a position to take Upper Cape to another level because of his experience running program at multiple levels.

"I've had the luxury of coaching seven-year-olds all the way to 18-year-olds, and you get to have bonds with kids when you coach (them) very young," he said. "And you get to understand, different kids at different ages or different levels. So, it's going to be good for me (that) I've been through the whole gamut of coaching."

As experienced as Johnson is, being the one calling the shots for a high school program is uncharted territory. He will face some challenges that he has not encountered before, but he has the confidence of at least one head coach he's previously worked under.

"He's done everything that he's needed to do up

to this point to show that he's ready," Kogler, now the head football coach at West Bridgewater High School, said. "He's done so much for football in the Tri-Town area, Rochester area. He knows the game well. And I just think really what... makes people successful coaches in my opinion is communication skills and relationships, and I think that that's really what he's really good at.

"The kids in the program really liked him at Old Rochester, and the parents. He's just a well-liked person. And he knows the game. He has a lot of experience with football. I think Upper Cape... that was a really good hire for them."

Letters to the Editor

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10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
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11:03 AM Health Source
11:30 AM Coronavirus PSA
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Lucy's World of Painting
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Books and the World
3:00 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Let's Talk Business
5:30 PM Registers Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Building the Future
7:00 PM Arts Alive
7:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
8:30 PM Stop My Crisis
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Money Matters TV
10:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
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Friday March 27, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM The Art of Being Human
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Cape Conversations
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Building the Future
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12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
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4:00 PM The Human Truth
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6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Chundria Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV

8:00 PM Gay USA

9:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!

10:00 PM The Kamla Show

10:30 PM The David Pakman Show

11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday March 28, 2020

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Carbons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mental Health Matters
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Off the Shelf
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Arts Alive
3:00 PM Money Talk
3:30 PM This is America & The World
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Books and the World
5:00 PM Let's Talk Business
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Youth Suicide
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Sound Off
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday March 29, 2020

6:00 AM Veterans Voice
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester -
March 8, 2020
10:14 AM Coronavirus PSA
10:33 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mind Matters
11:30 AM The Art of Being Human
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8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show

11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday March 30, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Health Talk
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM The Art of Being Human
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Keep Talking
11:32 AM Lucy's World of Painting
12:00 PM This is America & The World
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
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4:30 PM Money Matters TV
5:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
5:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:31 PM Stop My Crisis
7:00 PM Arts Alive
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Fox Robbins Report
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday March 31, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Recovery Fitness
8:30 AM Health Talk
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM Mind Your Business
10:00 AM Cape Conversation
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
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11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday April 1, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Senior Moment
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Mind Matters
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 PM This is America & The World
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
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5:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sound Off
7:30 PM The Kamla Show
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - March 19, 2020
7:30 AM Marion Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
8:01 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - March 12, 2020
10:00 AM Marion Finance Committee - March 11, 2020
11:33 AM Marion Conservation Commission - March 11, 2020
1:30 PM Marion School Committee - March 4, 2020
3:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - March 5, 2020
3:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 19, 2020
4:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
4:31 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - March 12, 2020
6:30 PM Marion Finance Committee - March 11, 2020
8:03 PM Marion Conservation Commission - March 11, 2020
10:00 PM Marion School Committee - March 4, 2020
11:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - March 5, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
8:00 AM Rochester School Committee - March 12, 2020
9:36 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - March 12, 2020
10:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - March 3, 2020
12:06 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 10, 2020
1:42 PM ORR School Committee - March 5, 2020
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
4:30 PM Rochester School Committee - March 12, 2020
6:06 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - March 3, 2020
7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 10, 2020
8:35 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - March 3, 2020
10:12 PM ORR School Committee - March 5, 2020

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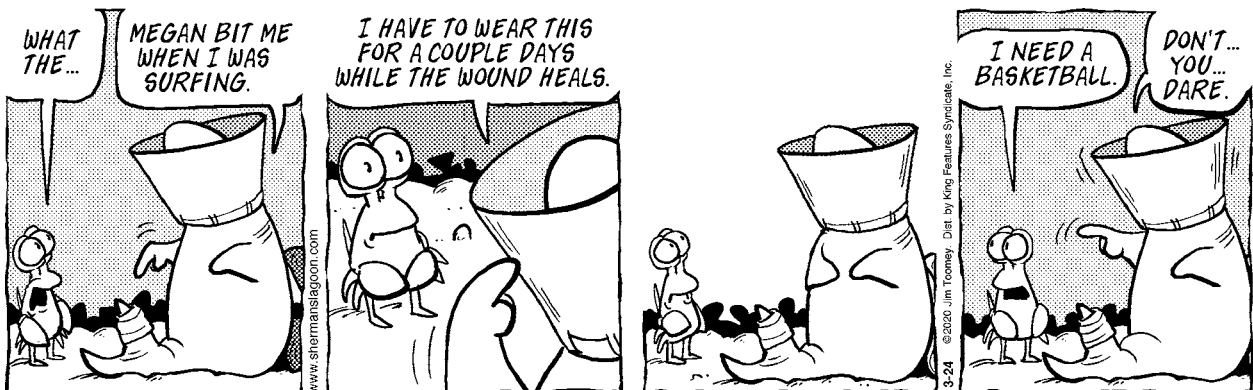
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR District FORM Choral Concert - March 10, 2020
8:30 AM Coronavirus PSA
9:00 AM Marion Art Center - Fox on the Fairway Cast Interviews
9:18 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Wildflowers
10:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic - Rossini Reed Raum Concert
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Sippican 4th Grade Band Concert - February 5, 2020
1:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Butterfly Man
2:09 PM Marion Art Center - John Magnan Presentation
3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic - Rossini Reed Raum Concert
4:30 PM ORR District FORM Choral Concert - March 10, 2020
5:30 PM Coronavirus PSA
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Marion Art Center - Fox on the Fairway Cast Interviews
6:48 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Wildflowers
8:00 PM Coronavirus PSA
8:19 PM ORR 8th Grade Parent Information Evening
9:30 PM OC Girls Basketball vs Sturgis East Charter - February 27, 2020
11:00 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Cape Cod Academy - February 28, 2020

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Please know that it can be a hard to fill the time, especially for single people who live alone or families without children. Be sure to reach out to neighbors, friends, clergy, and family, when you want to visit with others. Please call us at the COA when you have any questions or when you feel alone.

We at COA Outreach have a few suggestions that we hope you will find helpful during this new found time being at home:

1. Call several people each day just to check in and have some human connection.
2. Spend some time outdoors, if you can. Listen to the spring bird-songs.
3. Feed the birds, or offer leftover nuts or seeds to chipmunks and squirrels. This is great for lowering blood pressure and relieving stress.
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Todd Philie - Brandt Island/Nantucket Drive



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Katelyn Whitehead



Gina Hebert



Courtney Dubois



Tricia Goguen Weaver



Becky Willis



Suzanne DeCosta Barrows

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5. If you live with others, think about incorporating some silence into your new routine. It can be stressful to be with people all the time; recognize your own need for some quiet.

Most of all take care of yourselves, and we look forward to hearing from you as we continue to live in this new reality together.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging Outreach

To the Editor:

I patronized a Rochester restaurant that advertises in your paper that is now reduced to take-out only. I would ask your readers to do this to help them out, and to remember also to tip the waitstaff as if it was a sit-down dinner. Your server is affected by this too.

Stay safe,

Richard Bumpus, Marion

To the Editor:

The worldwide pandemic is unsettling to all and strikes fear and worry into many - the effects of which could be more crippling than the COVID-19 illness. The disruption to typical day to day life that we're all dealing with presents itself as a temporary interference for some of us - not able to enjoy a cup of coffee with friends, missing the opportunity to sit and enjoy a good meal at a favorite eatery, thinking twice before venturing out for some shopping or entertainment. And for many of us, while our investments may have taken a hit, our weekly / monthly fluid funds have not and will not be disrupted. But consider that many, many of our family, friends, and neighbors have lost their weekly / monthly income due to the pandemic; and specifically due to business shutdowns and business cutbacks - business owners as well as their employees fall into this category. The fear of not being able to pay the rent or mortgage, the horror facing a parent about how to put food on the table, the threat of not being able to purchase heating fuel or purchase a tank of gas for the car - bundle these concerns with the fear of a family member possibility contracting COVID-19 and you begin to appreciate the level of anxiety and fear that many are feeling. Unemployment insurance will help somewhat, and the financial package now being debated and considered by Congress will provide further support - but many of our fellow citizens - owners and employees - may never be made whole.

My monthly income has not and I don't expect it to be impacted by this worldwide crisis. If I find that I am eligible for an "economic stimulus check" from the Federal Government, it is my intention to donate the full amount to those who have lost the most - small business owners and their employees as well as workers at large corporations. No one should profit from this crisis - and I challenge those of us who have not experienced a decrease in our weekly / monthly income to do the same. We're talking about helping our auto mechanics, landscapers, retail workers, construction workers, small

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OBITUARIES



Nelson M. Adams, III, of Marion, died peacefully at home with his family on March 19, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. He fought his disease with grace, determination and the kind of stoic strength that defined his character.

He was born on June 1, 1950 in Wareham to Nelson M. Adams, Jr. and Violet L. (Gibbs) Adams. Nelson proudly resided in Marion for his entire life. He is survived by his wife, Donna A. (LeFavor) Adams, his son, Timothy D. Adams and his wife Elissa L. (Grunin) Adams of Sandwich, and his grandsons Patrick Timothy Adams and Benjamin Delano Adams, his mother Violet, his sister Nancy Daniels, and his sister Ellen Borges and her husband Allan. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Barbara LeFavor, his brother-in-law Philip LeFavor and his wife Cindy, his sister-in-law Deborah (LeFavor) Hazlett and her husband Robert, his sister-in-law Paula (LeFavor) Ewan and her husband David, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Nelson was a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School (class of 1968) and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology from Southeastern Massachusetts University. His career spanned his early days at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute to a lengthy position with Sippican, Inc. and Lockheed-Martin. He had many great memories from his time at Sippican, especially company outings and the wonderful working environment created by Richard Arthur.

Nelson always found peace and joy on the water in Marion harbor aboard his beloved Boston Whaler, the Donna Ann. He could often be spotted digging for shellfish on Meadow Island and other treasured spots and emerging from the water in his scuba gear while inspecting moorings. Nelson learned to swim in the same waters as a toddler, showing a natural affinity for the ocean from the very beginning of his life.

Throughout his life, Nelson was a man of great energy in the community, giving back to the town of Marion wherever he was needed. Nelson seemed to know everyone in town and was very well versed in its history. Over the years, Nelson was a member of the volunteer fire department, a town shellfish warden, one of the first trained emergency medical technicians, and a board member for the Camp Hadley trust. Nelson was also a proud Boy Scout leader for Troop 32 and had many fond memories from scouting as a boy, especially

his trip to the National Jamboree in Philmont, New Mexico.

Nelson was a man of tremendous kindness and genuine humility who loved to be with people. He was a constant source of support and quiet wisdom. Whenever someone was in need, Nelson was the first to help. He was truly happiest when in service to others. From young children to elder members of the community, he never grew tired of giving back. To his wife, Nelson was a rock of support and companionship. To his son, Nelson was a father of steady guidance, ageless insight, and a source of love expressed far beyond the limits of words. To his young grandsons, he was simply "Pa"; the man who could fix any object, magically appear at school or events, and locate the hardest to find toys.

The family wishes to express their sincerest gratitude for the many caregivers who supported Nelson during his long battle with cancer.

Due to current restrictions on public gatherings, a private graveside service will be held for Nelson in Marion and a celebration of his life will be planned for a later date.

Nelson wished that donations made in his memory be directed to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 and to the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, 206 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. To leave a message of condolence, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

Crystal L. Borden, 41, of Mattapoisett, unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the companion of Michael Stevenson. Born in New Bedford, she was the daughter of the late Cheryl A. (Gosselin) White and the late Mark Borden.

Survivors along with her companion include her 4 sons: Liam Stevenson, Logan Stevenson, Levi Stevenson and Lucas Stevenson; her paternal grandfather: Norman Borden; 2 aunts: Sandy Gosselin and Sharon Bentley; and an uncle: Louie Gosselin.

Arrangements are private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to benefit her children may be made to Sandra Gosselin, 1163 N. Hixville Rd., Dartmouth, MA 02727.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

business owners and workers and the kids working their way through school. The value of these neighbors to our collective daily lives has been reinforced over the past two weeks and we miss them!! We do appreciate the support and service they provide to our community. Also in need of a cash infusions are our area soup kitchens and food pantries who have stepped up impressively to the challenge of providing support to those in need – not only during this difficult time but week after week throughout the year.

The true American spirit shines during times of crisis and difficulty- we must have a positive outlook and we must keep our commitment to one another in proper perspective. Reach out and help a fellow citizen – and please no one should “profit” from this catastrophe. Chuck McCullough

Thoughts on: Change is in the Air

With nowhere to go and nothing to do the fine spring weather and the not so fine Coronavirus brought out the masses in recent days in an attempt to avoid cabin fever. Dog walkers, bicyclists, joggers, and just plain strollers meandered around the village in larger numbers than usual in late March offering pleasant greetings and nods while adhering to the new social distancing norm.

Many ventured over to Depot Street and down the old railroad bed to Goodspeed Island for what was likely their first encounter with the under-construction bike path. No doubt many were surprised to see that their view of the Eel Pond was now obstructed by a long ribbon of grey steel barriers like those one would see on the medium strip of a major interstate highway.

As they approached the beach they discovered that the bike path we voted for at town meeting months ago had become a major construction project. It became apparent that the old sandy path between the shore and the Eel Pond would not merely be paved leading to a quaint wooden Concord Bridge-like structure over the fifty-foot wide inlet channel but rather a gigantic superstructure of massive steel beams rising high above ground level stretching all the way to Reservation Road at the Shining Tides.

What a shock for an old townie like this scribe who spend many an hour as a kid playing on the island and meandering along the beach collecting shells, clamming in the shallow waters or searching for old railroad spikes. In those days there was no channel. Later as a teenager we could drive our cars along the path. I remember a giant beach party with a bonfire and all which seemed as though everyone in town attended. As an adult my wife and I would walk the dog along the path. Before dogs were banned from the beach our kids would enjoy throwing a stick or ball which old Daisy would chase at warp speed.

Nearly every morning since our retirement the missus would take her daily walk by the Eel Pond to the channel and back often photographing various birds and waterfowl and enjoying the quiet and beauty of mother nature's landscape. Thankfully the ocean view will remain when the construction is completed and many more people will enjoy it. Alas, the last area of town which, until now, remained the same as when the Wampanoags arrived on our shores is forever changed.

Dick Morgado, Mattapoisett

Academic Achievements

The following Tri-Town residents have been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the fall 2019 semester.

-Maeve B. McEnroe of Marion

-Daniel A. Rorke of Marion

-Lily S. Youngberg of Mattapoisett

To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

Notice to Rochester Residents

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the Town of Rochester has instituted several precautionary measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As this situation remains very fluid, we will continue to monitor events and will notify the public of any additional actions

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MOVIE REVIEW

On the Road Again

By Rob Gonsalves
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For Madmen Only: The Stories of Del Close. A documentary directed by Heather Ross. Running time: 85 minutes. Coming to streaming and physical media soon, probably.

The current situation being what it is, I have no idea when you'll get to see *For Madmen Only: The Stories of Del Close* — it was supposed to premiere at the cancelled SXSW festival last week — but you should keep an eye out for it. It's as worthy of its subject as any movie that *isn't* completely shambolic and unconventional can be. The improvisational-comedy master Del Close, who died in 1999 five days shy of his 65th birthday, is probably better known for the comedians he taught and/or inspired than for his own performing. Anyone who was anyone on *Saturday Night Live* (from the Belushi years to the Fey years), *SCTV*, and more passed through the turbulent gates of Close's cracked guidance and wisdom. A guru to hundreds, he was also a self-destructive, self-mythologizing flaming wreck of a human, one who burned bridges while still standing on them.

For Madmen Only combines the usual talking-heads approach with tongue-in-cheek re-enactments. The skilled comedian/impressionist James Urbaniak steps in as Close in the latter segments; it must have been as daunting a task as Michael Chiklis wandering into enemy fire to play Belushi in the awful *Wired*, but in this case it pays off — Urbaniak has a strong resemblance to Close in the first place, so he's free to suggest an idiosyncratic but occasionally successful collaborator. The segments have to do with Close's late-period project *Wasteland*, a short-lived cult comic book from DC, and that's where I first heard of Close and the many tales, tall or otherwise, about him — his various drug trips, his brushes with Hollywood, his beginnings as a carny performer, or just surreal reveries with himself and sometimes his writing partner John Ostrander as hosts.

Around that same time (the late '80s), Close was wandering into major films — you may have seen him in *The Untouchables*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, or the remake of *The Blob*. Once seen, he's not easily forgotten; he had a leonine, authoritative presence. More and more over the years, though, he used that presence not to hit his own marks on the stage but to make a mark as a behind-the-scenes Svengali, directing youngsters like Stephen Colbert or Mike Myers to reach inside themselves, connect with their stagemates, and produce ... well,



laughless crap, some of the time. Some of the time, the result was brilliance you couldn't tap into any other way. Forming his own theater, with longtime creative partner Charna Halpern, Close developed a technique known as "the Harold." Despite reading about it on several occasions and hearing about it anew in the movie, I still don't quite understand its intricacies, but then I'm not an improvisational comedian. A comics and sci-fi reader, Close probably enjoyed a concept that enabled extended fantasizing within a context of rules; in that sense, he was the Gary Gygax of comedy, the dungeonmaster.

Close never rose to the level that many of his students felt he wanted to. He had the soul of a teacher but the heart of a performer, a renegade artist. If you know him, it's from that brief window when directors like Brian De Palma and John Hughes were hiring him. That was him, probably, at his most presentable, the wizard a movie director could wheel out for hipster cred (and to add a few volts to a scene — Close brings avuncular menace to his reading of "You fellas are untouchable, is that the thing?"). Mostly, though, he was simply too unstable for even the unconventional employment of an actor. What this documentary underlines is that Close found his *métier* as a prophet and visionary, touching the faithful on their fevered foreheads and dispensing grace.

The shots of Close's cluttered, dilapidated ashtrey of an apartment square with the portrait I remember from the best two books about him, *The Funniest One in the Room* by Kim "Howard" Johnson and *Guru* by Jeff Griggs. In person, I gather, Close was the classical irascible old genius with an appetite for stimulation. This was a man capable of telling an interviewer (Bob Odenkirk) that he'd kicked cocaine and heroin, but of course still smoked weed and had a few hallucinogenic trips a year ("Those are *health* drugs!"). The movie's mix of anecdotes, dramatizations and animation points up the subtitle — the *stories* of Del Close. For certainly such a crowded house of a man would not have only one story. We finish with a pair of debunkings of Close legends, and Charna Halpern refers to the "jerky reporter" who broke one of them — the one about Close bequeathing his own skull to play the role of Horatio in future productions at a Chicago theater. Well, as the saying goes, when the legend becomes fact, print the legend.

should they be needed.

- Town Hall and Annex offices will be closed to the public until further notice; however, staff will be available by telephone during normal business hours. Please call 508-763-3871 if you should need assistance.

The Tax collector can be reached at 508-763-3871 ext. 16.

- The Council on Aging building will be closed to the public and all programs and activities will be canceled until further notice; although meals distributed through the COA and medical transportation (for healthy seniors) will continue for the time being. Staff will still be available by telephone at 508-763-8723.

- The Joseph H. Plumb Library will be closed until **April 6**. Staff will still be available during the hours of 10:00 am until 5:00 pm at 508-763-8600.

- Rochester Memorial School, Old Rochester Regional School, and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will be closed through **April 7**.

- Regarding meetings and public hearings held in public buildings; there are new protocols that will be distributed regarding the scheduling, holding, and attending of public meetings in order to promote social distancing and safe practices. They will be forthcoming in separate correspondence.

- The Town is temporarily suspending all non-essential inspections or other activities where the employee is required to enter into a private residence or dwelling, with the exception of new construction where s/he is not entering occupied space. This does not apply to police or fire public safety services.

These decisions were difficult ones as we understand that they will disrupt lives and operations, however, it is the right decision for the overall safety and well-being of our residents, staff, program participants, and committee and board members. They were made after significant review and discussions regarding all the information available locally, state-wide, nationally, and internationally. We will continue to consult on the latest data about this worldwide crisis so that we are prepared in the event we need to make further service disruption decisions.

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School Closure - Alternative Learning Opportunities

Good afternoon Students, Parents, Guardians, and Staff. I am hoping everyone is safe, healthy and doing well.

This notice will provide you with an update on resources as well as an overview of the alternative learning opportunities we will be offering our students in the coming weeks. We are well aware that all of our families are handling this unprecedented situation in different ways and have a variety of means.

As a school community, we are here to assist and provide support. We are currently offering a breakfast and lunch program for those in need, Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at our elementary schools and our high school. We are able to offer technology support to any family in need. Please check previous communications or call the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956, if you have questions on either of these two programs.

In addition to these two programs, starting today, the district educators have created a webpage on the district and school websites sites.google.com/oldrochester.org/orrisdextlearn/home filled with an extensive list of age-appropriate alternative learning resources that families can use to support learning for



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights March 15-March 21

- Mill St – Lost property
- Village Dr – Emergency services
- River Rd – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – Larceny/past
- Briggs Ln – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Suspicious person
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Barros Dr – Officer wanted
- Front St - Disturbance
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Route 105 – MV collision
- Doran Way – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Register Rd – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – General offense
- River Rd – 911 abandoned
- Village Dr – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 15-March 21

- Shaw St – Health/welfare
- Tara Rd – General service
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Brant Beach Ave – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Traffic control
- Tupola Ln – Suspicious MV
- Pinehurst Ave – Suspicious MV
- Brant Beach Ave – Follow up
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Erratic operator
- Barstow St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Acushnet Rd – Assist other agency
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Winter Hill Rd – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – Parking complaint
- Wildwood Ter - Complaint
- Pico Beach Rd – Restraining order
- Neds Point Rd – Suspicious persons
- Oakland Ter – MV lockout
- Long Plain Rd – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Brush fire
- Field St - Disturbance
- Stoney Hill Rd – Unwanted person
- Prospect Rd – Medical/assist
- I195 East – Ambulance request

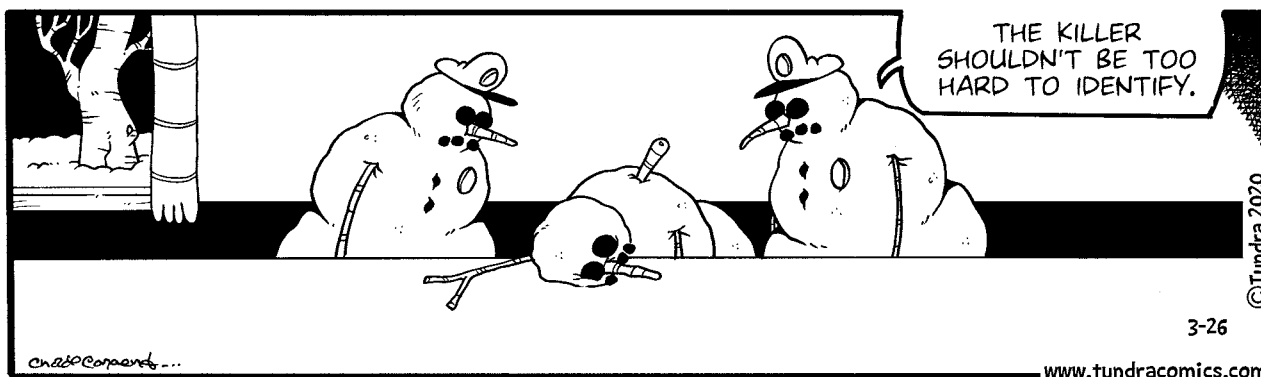
ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 15-March 21

- Not available at press time

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

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by Chad Carpenter



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their students.

Starting the week of March 23, 2020 teachers and related service providers will begin to communicate regularly with their students. Educators will be adding resources and materials to the alternative learning website page, as well as providing other learning opportunities on their website or learning platform for their students. These alternative learning opportunities will provide students with a chance to practice and reinforce their current skillsets. At this time, lessons will not address new content materials. During this three-week closure, teachers will be expected to interact with their students through a variety of mediums (i.e. email, videos, phone calls, etc.) to provide feedback on their educational efforts, but will not assign grades.

Students - we are expecting that you check in on your teacher's learning platform (i.e. google classroom, schoology, teacher website, etc.) on a daily basis. We expect that you will utilize the alternative learning resources and participate in our alternative learning opportunities, so you are ready to continue your learning when you return to school. If your student is unable to access materials online, we ask that you contact your building principal, who will make arrangements for you to receive these resources in a different format.

We hope that you find our alternative learning plan useful and beneficial during these very difficult times. If you have specific questions, please reach out to

your building principal. We are receiving guidance and support from the Department Elementary and Secondary Education daily, which may change how we deliver academic support in the coming weeks.

I will keep you informed and share new information as it develops. Staying safe is our number one priority - please take all COVID-19 precautions and recommendations seriously.

Douglas R. White, Jr. Superintendent of Schools

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **March 30**: BBQ pork patty, whipped sweet potato, green and wax bean, oatmeal bread, pineapple.
Tuesday, **March 31**: Low salt crackers, butternut bisque,

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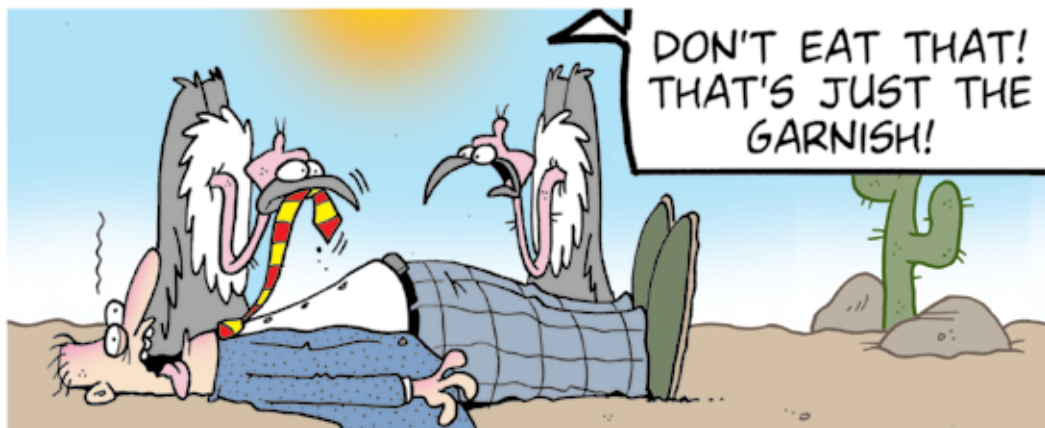


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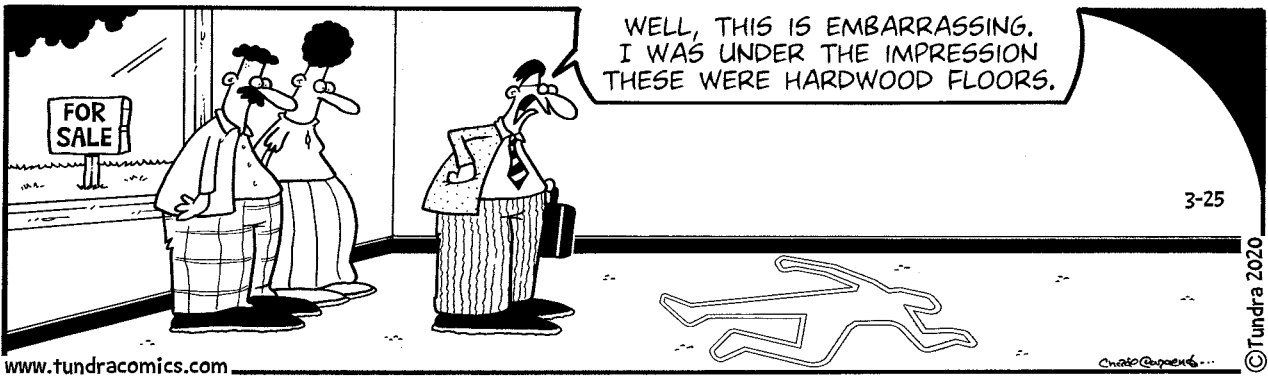
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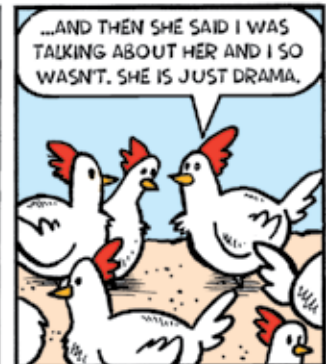


Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



apricot chicken, rice Florentine, multigrain roll, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, **April 1:** Tossed salad with dressing, American chop suey, Roman blend, oatmeal roll, pears.

Thursday, **April 2:** Roast turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, winter squash, marble rye bread, fruited jello.

Friday, **April 3:** Mac n' cheese, scalloped tomatoes, peas and portobellos, fruit loaf, Mandarin oranges.

Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed.



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- 1 Sop up
7 Liquor
14 Spins
20 "Amen to that!"
21 Actress
22 Abate
23 Start of a riddle
25 Batter's miss
26 Do wrong
27 Pol with a six-yr. post
28 Me, to Michel
29 Riddle, part 2
31 Pinchpenny
33 Sue
35 Steak order
36 Riddle, part 3
42 Food holder
46 Goddess with a cow's head
47 McCartney of fashion
48 Kailua Bay locale
50 Scam
51 Agree (with)
54 "Yoo—!" ("Hey!")
55 Paintball
57 Circus clown — Kelly
59 Riddle, part 4

- 63 Big-top star
64 DiFranco of folk rock
65 More spiteful
66 "We need assistance!"
69 Used a daggerlike weapon on
73 B followers
74 Wife of Mark Antony
78 Consented to
79 "Nick and —'s Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)
83 Riddle, part 5
89 Wasp variety
90 Suffering
91 Capote, to his buddies
92 With 77-Down, does thorough research on
94 Freezer
95 TV's Spelling
97 Camera lens settings
100 Exec's benefit
101 Ohio tire city
103 Riddle, part 6
107 Sitarist
109 Org. for teachers
110 Coin toss call

- 111 End of the riddle
115 Lucy of "Kill Bill: Vol. 1"
118 — League college
119 Toward a boat's back
122 Makes glad
123 Riddle's answer
127 Declare under oath
128 Source of licorice-flavored oil
129 More prying
130 Sports team letdowns
131 Red — (many Republicans)
132 Modus operandi

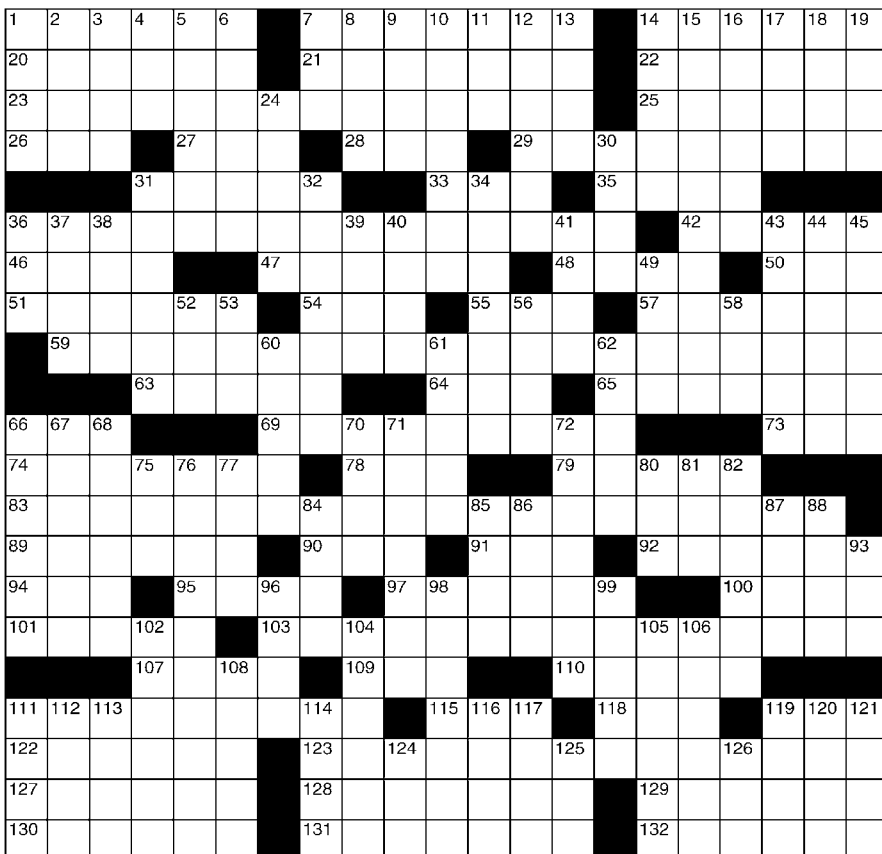
DOWN

- 1 "Even — speak ..."
2 Atom studier
3 Movie draw
4 Meal
5 Putin's land
6 Command
7 "Law & Order: —"
8 Hand part
9 —
10 — European languages

- 10 Another name for vitamin A
11 Suffix with fool or owl
12 Fearsome fly
13 "Don't — didn't warn you!"
14 Inventor Nikola
15 Radiator hoses may lead to them
16 Haifa's land
17 Harness part
18 Leia's twin
19 Spurt out
24 "No — to blame"
30 "— little kindness"
31 Capital of Oman
32 Alternative to a 401(k) or a Keogh
34 Envision
36 [not my error]
37 "Time — the essence"
38 Rake part
39 Inert element
40 Pipe problem
41 Ringing sound
43 — acid (vinegar flavor)
44 Added (up)
45 Not broken

- 49 Zeus' sister and wife
52 Stage actress
53 Pirate's quaff
56 Syllabus segment
58 Gym floor covering
60 Put in a different sack
61 Mortgage-issuing inst.
62 Ewoks' forest moon
66 "El Cid" co-star Loren
67 Five — shadow
68 Person eyeballing
70 Pirate chant
71 Artist
72 Ultimately reach
75 Author Rand
76 From Hanoi
77 See 92-Across
80 Lightning —
81 Heady drink
82 "We need assistance!"
84 Small branch
85 Ending for major

- 86 Yankees slugger, to fans
87 It's often preheated
88 Nonflowering plant
93 Sun setting
96 Sortie, say
98 Most musty
99 Fishtank pest
102 Speaks bombastically
104 Recite ritually, as a spell
105 Large sofas
106 Air Force pilot, in slang
108 Three-piece pieces
111 Ringing sound
112 Choir range
113 Slum vermin
114 "Pretty — pretty does"
116 Notion, to Jean-Luc
117 "Deutschland — alles"
119 Landed (on)
120 Cut and run
121 Time in office
124 By the agency of
125 Football field units: Abbr.
126 Letter for Superman



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A pesky health problem should clear up soon. Meanwhile, travel -- both for personal as well as for business reasons -- is strong in the Aries aspect this week, and well into the next.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Look for Bovines to be on the move this week, whether it's traveling for fun or for business. Other "moves" include workplace adjustments and, for some, relationship changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis who have just gone through a hectic period involving job and/or family matters might want to take some well-earned time out to relax and restore those drained energy levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic situation seems to have stalled, just when the Moon Child was expecting it to go forward. Could that be a bad case of miscommunication going on. Talk it over openly and honestly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Showing a genuine interest in something that's important to a friend, family member or colleague could open a communication line that had been pretty much shut down for a while.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making a potentially life-changing decision takes as much knowledge as you can gather, plus determination and patience. Take your time working it out. Don't let anyone rush you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should be back on schedule and heading in the right direction after clearing up a misunderstanding. But there could still be some setbacks. If so, correct them immediately.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A business matter keeps you pretty busy, but try to squeeze in time to be with family as well as close friends. You need the good vibrations you get from people who care for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Investing in an attractive prospect (business or personal) with little or no information can be risky. Avoid future problems by getting all the facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have an unexpected reaction to a decision you feel you're prepared to make. Listen to his or her point of view. It could prove to be surprisingly helpful.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't give up yet. That once warm, personal relationship that seems to be cooling off fast could recover with some tender, loving care, and who better than you to provide it?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Career matters are strong this week. You might want to enter a training program to enhance your skills. Also, consider getting professional help in preparing a brilliant resume.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of respecting the feelings of others, which is one reason people feel comfortable having you in their lives.

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features 18 South Street. The house at 18 South Street evolved from a small "shop" as indicated on the 1855 Marion map. It achieved its present complex form between the mid-1850s and 1880s. For many years, it was the home of master mariner Capt. Henry C. Lewis.

Seeking Reporters

The Wanderer is seeking reporters to cover a variety of municipal meetings and events in the towns of Rochester and Marion. Some experience in reporting, while not necessary, is helpful, but a candidate with writing experience and a proven knowledge of proper grammar would be considered. A good reporter possesses effective writing skills, can prioritize news items, takes good notes and accurate quotes, and should be prepared to ask follow-up questions of town officials when needed. The right candidate will also have basic photography skills and be able to use a camera. Pay will reflect experience and skill level. Further feature story writing opportunities are possible, but attending evening municipal meetings is required. Email resume, letter of interest, and at least one writing sample to support@wanderer.com.

Rochester Women's Club

The Rochester Women's Club is extending the deadline for scholarship applications to **May 1**. If any senior would like to email us the application, please do so to rwomenclub@aol.com. Please send along your phone number so we can have another way to get in touch. We realize being a senior in high school is stressful enough. Adding in the scholarship process while we are under the coronavirus watch is just a lot for any of us to handle. The Women's Club is very understanding of this stress and welcome phone calls or emails at any time. Contact Marsha Hartley at 508-322-0998.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship

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The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to support the community who has partnered with the club in its fundraising efforts.

For High School seniors, the scholarship application will be available in the Guidance offices of Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural and online info@mattapoisettwomensclub.org for those not attending the above schools.

Final deadline for returning completed applications **April 30, 2020**. No one will be considered after this date.

If you have any further questions you may contact the Mattapoisett Woman's Club at P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 5 on Monday April 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Mattapoisett Town Hall located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett MA on the following proposed amendment to the Mattapoisett Zoning Bylaw:</p> <p>Amendment of Article 8, Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas, Section 8.2.1, as set forth below, with text to be inserted shown in bold and text to be deleted shown in strikethrough to correct errors in the section and to update the panel dates and suffixes.</p> <p>"The Floodplain District is herein established as an Overlay District. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Mattapoisett designated as Zone A, AE, or VE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Mattapoisett are panel numbers 25023C0553JK, 25023C0554 JK, 25023C0558JK, 25023C0561JK, 25023C0562JK with an Effective Date of July 22, 2020, 25023C0563J with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012, 25023C0564J, 25023C0566JK, 25023C0567JL with an Effective Date of July 22, 2020, 25023C0569J, 25023C0627J, and 25023C0650J with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012, and panel numbers 25023C0564K, 25023C0567K and 25023C0568K with an Effective date of February 5, 2014. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM Maps and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012. The FIRM and FIS Report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen's Office."</p> <p>The amendment is on file with the Town Clerk's Office, Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and at the Planning Board Office, the Board of Selectmen's Office and may be viewed at www.mattapoisett.net.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Mary Crain (508) 758-4100 ext. 215 Thomas M. Tucker, Chairman 3/19, 3/26</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Large Scale Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit Application, Special Permit Application for Groundwater Protection, and Application for Scenic Highway filed by Braley Hill North Solar, LLC, Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772 for property located at 0 Braley Hill Road, designated at Map 48, Lots 32 and 36</p> <p>The applicant proposes the construction of a of a ±9.5 MW DC Ground-Mounted Solar</p>	<p>Photovoltaic Array within the Residential/ Agricultural District. An Application for Work on a Scenic Highway is being submitted concurrent with this Special Permit for the installation of the access drive off Braley Hill Road. The Property is also within the Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed and partially within the Groundwater Protection District and the Floodplain Overlay District.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 3/19, 3/26</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2020-2021 school year at 6:30 pm, on Monday, April 6, 2020 in the John N. DeCosta Cafeteria at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. 3/26</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT WATER AND SEWER PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Fire Hydrant Flow Test is scheduled for March 31, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am.</p> <p>The Flow Testing will be done at the intersection of Mendell Road and Acushnet Road.</p> <p>Discolored water may be expected.</p> <p>Directional flushing will occur immediately following these tests to correct any water quality issues.</p> <p>We apologize for any inconvenience.</p> <p>Henri Renauld, Superintendent</p> <hr/> <p>CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS</p> <hr/> <p>Ventura Agricultural Support Tractor & Dumptruck Tree work, brush removal, shavings/hay delivery Decades of horse experience Frank - cell 508-207-5591 home 774-849-5841</p> <hr/> <p>WANTED junk cars & trucks for salvage & parts. Paying cash. 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current viral pandemic have forced the Sippican Choral Society to cancel its Spring Concert, which had been planned for April 26 in Marion.

"It's a decision we did not like, but we cannot see a way forward between now and curtain-up," said Mike Chaplain, president. "We have lost a number of rehearsal dates, and there is no certainty that concerts will be permitted at all by the end of next month."

Statewide and national efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 has led to "social distancing," which has closed down concerts, restaurants, taverns, sports events and all manner of large gatherings. Even some church services have been suspended, said Chaplain.

People who already have tickets have three options. They can return them for refunds. "Or," said Chaplain, "they can keep their tickets, which will be honored at the annual Christmas Concert in December. The third option is to convert the price of the tickets to tax-deductible donations, for which the Sippican Choral Society will provide receipts.

"It's hard times for performers and arts organizations of all kinds right now," Chaplain said. "If anyone can afford to help out, this is a good time to do it."

This spring's "Mostly Mozart" program, or substantial parts of it, will probably be presented next April, said Chaplain. "It's great music, and we've been loving every bit of it, but we're not going to endanger anybody's health or life in order to perform it this season," said Chaplain. "We expect to be back in December with our annual Christmas Concert, to help brighten things up again."

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Suspends Services & Activities

On Friday, March 13, Pastor Amy Lignitz Harken, and Phil Jackson, Chair of the Council at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church (MCC), jointly announced the suspension of all activities taking place at the Church until the beginning of April. Church leadership determined that the best course of action, at this time of great stress and anxiety surrounding the coronavirus, was to suspend all activities. This includes worship services, fellowship activities including Open Table, all classes as well as all the organizations that utilize the building. The situation will be reassessed on a weekly basis. Please watch for updates on the church's website at mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org as well as the church's Facebook page. For questions or concerns, please contact the church at 508-758-2671 or mattconchurch@gmail.com.

Town of Rochester Tax Bills

FY 2020 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills were mailed March 20 and are due on May 1. If paying by personal online banking, allow sufficient

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Due to COVID 19, the Town of Rochester Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice. I will be in the tax office daily at 11:00 am to process the daily mail and answer all e-mails and phone messages. If I do not answer the phone, leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience, Beatrice Renauld

Mattapoisett Museum Charity Yard Sale Canceled

The Mattapoisett Museum Charity Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, May 9 has been canceled. The museum is no longer accepting donations.

Parting Ways Consignment

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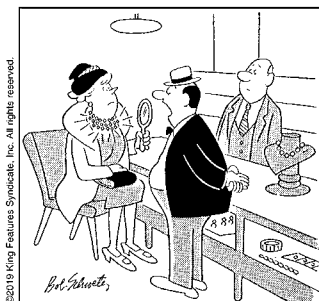
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Scholarships are available to qualifying high school seniors and college students. Applicants must have maintained a legal residence in Wareham, Massachusetts for at least a year, be a current student with a minimum "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), and have good character. Scholarships are available for students with focus of study in one or more of the following areas: Horticulture, Environmental Studies, Conservation, Landscape Design, Architecture, Forestry, Agronomy, Floriculture, Land Management, Botany, Biology / Marine Biology, City Planning, Allied Studies.

Eligible High School Students Must be: Graduating, spring of 2020 from any High School or Technical School; accepted to an accredited college or school of higher education; able to submit an application postmarked on or before June 30, 2020. This date is flexible and could be changed to July 31, 2020.

Scholarship applications will be available at area high schools. Interested students should contact their respective Guidance Offices for further information, or they may contact the WGC Scholarship Chair. Any qualified applicant will be given extra consideration on for having participated in extra-curricular activities in any of the fields listed above in high school and/or in the community.

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Spartan Village Moves Online

Along with the rest of our nation (and world), Bishop Stang High School has moved online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the students, administration, teachers, staff, and families that usually create "Spartan Village" on Slocum Road are keeping the school community alive by other means during this period of social distancing.

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis

VOCABULARY QUIZ

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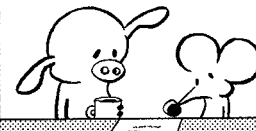
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issued laptop. Additionally, teachers have drawn on years of experience with technology integration and blended learning to develop strategies for engaging their students. All teachers and students utilize Google Classroom on a daily basis.

While working from home, Bishop Stang continues to make educating the whole person a priority. All members of the community are encouraged to maintain a “wellness inventory” that includes the spiritual, physical, intellectual, intellectual, emotional, social and creative dimensions of each person’s life. School Counselors are available to students throughout the school day for academic counseling, to assist with the college search and selection process and for social-emotional support. President/Principal, Peter Shaughnessy stated: “We are fully committed to continuing the Bishop Stang educational experience for our students during this time. In addition to online learning, the health and well-being of our students is paramount and we are working hard to keep our school culture and sense of community alive and strong.”

There are myriad examples of school culture and community being kept alive during this challenging time. Organized by Campus Ministry, the school community continues to pray together, services opportunities are being explored and co-curricular clubs and organizations have begun their own online meetings and activities. The school’s choir conducted an online performance and several online mini-concerts are being planned. The inaugural concert on St. Patrick’s Day featured Bishop Stang’s very own history teacher and Irish musician, Tom Kennedy, on Facebook Live!

Furthermore, the school’s administrative offices continue to be fully operational. The admissions, business, advancement offices are fully operational although off-site. While this new experience evolves, constant feedback is sought in order to constructively assess the online program, adjust and improve.

Rochester Land Trust

As a precaution, the Rochester Land Trust is postponing the Annual Meeting that was scheduled for March 26. We apologize for the inconvenience and we will reschedule at a later date when able.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Suspends Services & Activities

On Friday, March 13, Pastor Amy Lignitz Harken, and Phil Jackson, Chair of the Council at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church (MCC), jointly announced the suspension of all activities taking place at the Church for the next two weeks. After much discussion, Church leadership determined that the best course of action, at this time of great stress and anxiety surrounding the coronavirus, was to suspend activities. This includes worship services fellowship activities including Open

Table, and classes including the Lenten series on Sunday and Monday evenings, as well as all the organizations that utilize the building.

Jackson said, “This was not an easy decision. As people of faith, coming together is important for our spiritual health, as well as our mental and emotional health, especially in times of crisis. Our plan was to continue as many activities as possible. However, it has become abundantly clear that the safest, most prudent course of action is simply to comply with the recommendations of health experts.”

Reverend Harken joined him in expressing regret and concern for everyone affected by the health crisis and encouraged others to “stay connected with each other via telephone, e-mail, and social media. We are eager to be back to a normal schedule as soon as possible. In the coming days, we will make whatever adjustments are necessary to bring peace of mind about worshipping and meeting at the Church.”

Should there be questions or concerns you would like to express, please contact the Church by telephone (508-758-2671) and someone will return your call as quickly as possible.

Rochester Council on Aging

Effective until Wednesday, April 1, group activities and meals at the Rochester Senior Center will be canceled for the public due to the elevated risk of severe infections in people over the age of 60 from COVID-19. For the safety of all our participants at the Center, we are suspending all group programs and meals.

The Council on Aging staff will be available during regular hours for services, questions, individual consultations, equipment loans, and transportation services for healthy individuals.

Please call the Center at 508-763-8723 with any questions, concerns or needs that you may have.

Sippican Woman’s Club Call for Artists

If the Wind Will Not Serve, Take to the Oars! Creative donations to Benefit Sippican Woman’s Club Scholarship Fund

Let your imagination soar! Paint, carve, embellish, create art using an oar or paddle. This inaugural fundraising event of the Sippican Woman’s Club takes place this summer in July and August.

Each unique piece will be publicly displayed for a silent auction in Marion Village.

Can you imagine this lovely, nautical community without oars and paddles? And imagine the opportunities for Marion students when educational scholarships support great ambitions? The Oars and Paddles Project combines both needs in a fun and adventurous event that will increase the scholarships SWC will award in 2021. Please join us!

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



been collecting old and new oars and paddles. One will be furnished to each artist as long as the supply lasts. Each unique piece will be auctioned online, and at the final reception, to the highest bidder. Oar and paddle art can be whimsical or elegant, functional or strictly decorative—the only requirement: your imagination and originality. Please help!

We believe in expressing recognition and thanks to each of our supporters. The oars and paddles will be exhibited in a variety of village venues from July 5 through August 7, and will be spotlighted in local media. The online silent auction process will end on August 7. There will also be a chance to bid at the Reception held at Washburn Park on August 19. This winner may take possession of their treasure at our Reception at Washburn Park Lawn Party on August 19.

Oar or paddle submissions are due by June 22 (to provide ample time for display). Entry forms are available online at info@sippicanwomansclub.org or, by calling Sue Mattson (508-748-1145) to get both the entry form and an oar or paddle.

While you are immersed in creativity, SWC members continue to develop programming to benefit our community and are well underway planning the 2020 Annual Holiday House Tour – the traditional mainstay for scholarship funds.

FCCR Cancels Events But Keeps Spiritual Doors Open

After prayerful consideration and in compliance with government directives, First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester, has closed its church buildings in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All services and activities held at FCCR -- including the Easter Community Carnival scheduled for Saturday, March 28 - have been canceled or postponed until further notice.

Our physical doors may be closed, but our spiritual doors remain open to everyone during this ongoing health crisis. We recognize that these are very challenging and unprecedented times, and our desire is to bring support and hope to those

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in the Tri-Town and surrounding area. Check out our public Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurchofRochester) for uplifting and encouraging posts and to watch our new pastor, Colby Olson, livestream Biblical and relevant messages at 10:00 am each Sunday. In need of prayer? Prayer requests will be accepted by calling the church office at 508-763-4314 or emailing rochestercongregational@comcast.net.

2020 Tour de Crème Canceled

Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail are disappointed to announce the cancelation of the fifth annual Tour de Crème scheduled for Sunday, May 17. The emergency measures instituted by state and local government in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic require that we not hold the event this year. We hope to be back in 2021.

In the meantime, both MLT and the Friends remind everyone that outdoor exercise in the fresh air is a safe and effective way to stay physically and mentally healthy while we weather COVID-19. Get outside and enjoy the spring weather by walking, biking or hiking. Maps for Tour de Crème bike rides can be downloaded from www.tourdecreme.org, and trail maps for MLT preserves are found at www.mattlandtust.org. Please contact MLT at info@mattlandtrust.org or 774-377-9191 for more information.

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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	March 26	10:08	10:20	3:43	3:42
Friday	March 27	10:43	10:53	4:18	4:14
Saturday	March 28	11:21	11:30	4:51	4:46
Sunday	March 29		12:04	5:25	5:21
Monday	March 30	12:13	12:52	6:03	6:02
Tuesday	March 31	1:03	1:44	6:53	6:54
Wednesday	April 1	1:59	2:41	8:05	8:03
Thursday	April 2	3:00	3:42	9:44	9:23
Friday	April 3	4:08	4:49	10:56	10:40
Saturday	April 4	5:17	5:51	11:46	11:45
Sunday	April 5	6:19	6:47		12:29
Monday	April 6	7:13	7:39	12:41	1:11
Tuesday	April 7	8:04	8:29	1:36	1:54
Wednesday	April 8	8:53	9:18	2:30	2:38
Thursday	April 9	9:43	10:08	3:22	3:21
Friday	April 10	10:33	10:59	4:12	4:05
Saturday	April 11	11:26	11:53	5:00	4:48
Sunday	April 12		12:22	5:48	5:33
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter April 1st Full Moon April 8th Last Quarter April 14th New Moon April 23rd			

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I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the March 19, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 13!

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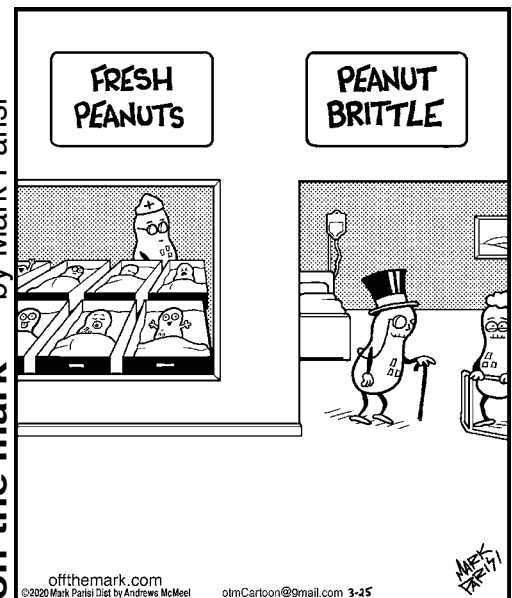
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Sudoku Answer

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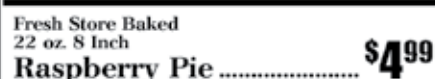
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